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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Notice of Ex Parte Presentation*; <u>Universal Service WCB Docket Nos. 06-122</u>, 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 29, 2008, Philip Verveer of Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP and Al Mottur of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP met with James Eisner, Greg Guice, Jim Lande, Jeremy Marcus, Erica Myers, Alex Minard, Carol Pomponio, and Cindy Spiers of the Wireline Competition Bureau, and on September 30, 2008, they met with Amy Bender, legal advisor to Chairman Martin. Mr. Verveer and Mr. Mottur provided an overview of j2 Global's operations and discussed potential reform of the universal service contribution mechanism, including the numbers-based contribution proposal.

Mr. Verveer and Mr. Mottur noted that j2 Global uses over eleven million telephone numbers to provide outsourced, value-added messaging services, such as converting facsimile transmissions to email. Of those eleven million telephone numbers, approximately nine million are used to provide free service to customers in the United States. In the event that all telephone numbers, regardless of the uses they facilitate, trigger universal service contribution obligations, j2 Global would have to eliminate this free service. This would result in loss of service to the millions of customers who value j2 Global's free services, without any corresponding benefit to the universal service fund.

Mr. Verveer and Mr. Mottur suggested that in the event telephone numbers are used in whole or in part as the contribution trigger, it would be appropriate to exempt uses of the type exemplified by j2 Global's services.

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Pursuant to section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, this letter is being filed electronically in the record of the above-referenced proceeding. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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